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November 13, 2013

Larry Gottesman
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
National Freedom of Information Officer
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Gottesman:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, it is requested that the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") produce the following documents, records or materials to the undersigned at the above address. Please be advised that the undersigned is willing to pay any associated costs or fees up to the amount of \$200.00. Should the costs or fees associated with the production of the requested materials exceed this amount, please contact the undersigned.

Requested Documents, Records or Materials

1. Any and all documents which refer to the presence of asbestos or asbestiform minerals in talc obtained from mines located in Montana or North Carolina.
2. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to any communication concerning the presence of asbestos or asbestiform minerals in talc or talcum powder products between the EPA and (a) Colgate-Palmolive Company (f/k/a "Colgate & Company" and "Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company"); (b) the owner or operator of any mines located in Montana or North Carolina; or (c) any other person, entity or trade association.
3. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to any meeting concerning the presence of asbestos or asbestiform minerals in talc or talcum powder product between the EPA and (a) Colgate-Palmolive Company (f/k/a "Colgate & Company" and "Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company"); (b) the owner or operator of any mines located in Montana or North Carolina; or (c) any other person, entity or trade association.

4. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to any testing by the EPA, or any contractor on its behalf, to determine the presence of asbestos or asbestiform minerals in talc or any cosmetic talcum powder product.

5. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to any testing to determine the presence of asbestos or asbestiform minerals in talc or any cosmetic talcum powder product by (a) Colgate-Palmolive Company (f/k/a “Colgate & Company” and “Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company”); (b) the owner or operator of any mines located in Montana or North Carolina; or (c) any other person, entity or trade association.

6. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to the identity of the mines from which the Colgate-Palmolive Company obtained the talc used in the manufacturing or production of any cosmetic talcum powder products.

7. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to the identity of the processors of talc used by the Colgate-Palmolive Company in the manufacturing or production of any cosmetic talcum powder products.

8. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to any requirement, regulation, guideline, specification or directive of the EPA that talc or any cosmetic talcum powder product be tested to determine the presence of asbestos or asbestiform minerals.

9. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to the issuance by the EPA of any statement, warning, caution, direction, recommendation, instruction, regulation or guideline concerning the presence of asbestos or asbestiform minerals in talc or any cosmetic talcum powder product.

10. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to the issuance by the EPA of any statement, warning, caution, direction, recommendation, instruction, regulation or guideline concerning the relationship of asbestos or asbestiform minerals present in talc, or any cosmetic talcum powder product, and any disease or medical condition.

11. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to the EPA definition of “asbestos,” “cosmetic-grade talc,” “certified asbestos free,” or “asbestos fiber.”

12. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to any inspection by the EPA, or contractors on its behalf, of any facilities where the Colgate-Palmolive Company manufactured or produced any cosmetic talcum powder product, or any facilities where the talc used in that process was received, inspected, tested, sorted or stored.

13. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to any violations by the Colgate-Palmolive Company of any EPA regulations or guidelines concerning the handling of talc in the manufacture or production of any cosmetic talcum powder product.

14. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to any fine, penalty or fee assessed upon the Colgate-Palmolive Company because of the presence of asbestos, asbestiform minerals present or any other contamination, in any cosmetic talcum powder product.

15. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to any allegation or claim made by any individual that they contracted asbestosis, asbestos lung disease, lung cancer, mesothelioma or any asbestos-related disease as a result of their work at any talc mines located in Montana or North Carolina.

16. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to the identity of any employee or representative of the EPA who has testified before any legislative body, in deposition or in any trial concerning the presence of asbestos or asbestiform minerals in talc obtained from any talc mines located in Montana or North Carolina.

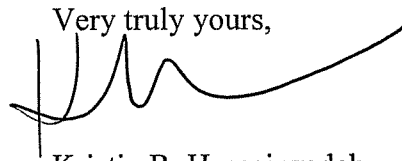
17. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to the ability of asbestos or asbestiform minerals in talc to become aerosolized and/or respirable.

18. Any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to any information concerning the presence of asbestos or asbestiform minerals in talc or in any cosmetic talcum powder products that was received by the EPA from (a) the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"); (b) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health ("NIOSH"); (c) Mine Safety and Health Administration; (d) the National Geologic Survey; (e) the National Toxicology Program; or (f) any other source.

19. To the extent not requested above, any and all documents which refer, relate or pertain to the contamination of talc by asbestos or asbestiform minerals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristin R. Hosseinzadeh', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kristin R. Hosseinzadeh